

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA  
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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May 20, 2003

**FROM:**       **BILL INGRAHAM**, Director  
                  Department of Airports

**SUBJECT:   GRANT APPLICATION TO FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION FOR  
              APPLE VALLEY AIRPORT**

**RECOMMENDATION:** 1) Approve application in the amount of \$350,000 to the Federal Aviation Administration to fund installation of a perimeter fence, including an emergency fire access road, and construction of aircraft run-up areas at Apple Valley Airport and 2) Authorize the Director of Airports to sign and submit all grant related documents including the application and subsequent grant agreement.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** The Department of Airports has previously applied for and received Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Airport Improvement Program grants. These grants provide financing for construction and reconstruction of eligible airport facilities and airfield improvements at County Airports.

If approved, this grant would fund the installation of new perimeter fencing and construct aircraft run-up areas. Currently, airport fencing does not completely surround the airport property. The new fence will enhance airport security and be aligned with the airport property line. Construction of an emergency fire access road will allow for emergency vehicles and personnel to provide a quick response to aircraft incidents or accidents. The construction of aircraft run-up areas will enhance the traffic flow of aircraft on the taxiways improving operating efficiency for the airport by providing areas for aircraft to perform preflight checks without obstructing other aircraft.

The FAA provides grants to eligible sponsors, including the County, by way of the Airport Improvement Program using funds from the Federal Airport and Airways Trust Fund. This grant would provide 90% of the total project cost. The County would be responsible for the remaining 10% of the cost. Additional funding may be available from the State of California Division of Aeronautics in the amount of 5% of the total project cost, reducing the County participation to 5% or an estimated \$19,444.

Pursuant to County Policy 11-14, all applications for grant funds must be submitted to the Board prior to submission to the granting agency. Approval of recommendations would enable the Department to secure the necessary funding for this project and authorize the Director of Airports to sign and submit documents related to the grants. The Board's approval of these recommendations would facilitate the continued safe and efficient use of Apple Valley Airport.

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**REVIEW BY OTHERS:** This item was reviewed by County Counsel (Fiona Luke, Deputy County Counsel) on May 6, 2003, and the County Administrative Office (Tom Forster, Administrative Analyst) on May 12, 2003.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** The cost for this project is estimated at \$388,888. Of this amount, 90% (\$350,000) would be provided by the FAA grant. The remaining 10% County match (\$38,888) would be paid by CSA60 Contingency Funds allocated to the project (Fund RAI) with a potential contribution from the CALTRANS Division of Aeronautics up to \$19,444. The project is included in the FY 2002/03 capital improvement budget for Airports.

**COST REDUCTION REVIEW:** The County Administrative Office has reviewed this agenda item, concurs with the department's proposal, and recommends approval of this project as it directly impacts the safety and welfare of Apple Valley Airport and its users. The project will be fully funded by federal and state revenue sources and County capital improvement funds dedicated for airport improvements. This project will have no financial impact on the County's General Fund.

**SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S):** First District

**PRESENTER:** Bill Ingraham, 387-7802